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[54] **CROSSLINKED TINTED POLYMERS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a novel process for the production of tinted mouldings, in particular tinted contact lenses, in which a crosslinkable tinted polymer comprising units containing a crosslinkable group and units containing a reactive dye radical is crosslinked in solution, and to tinted mouldings, in particular tinted contact lenses, obtainable by this process. The present invention likewise relates to novel crosslinkable tinted polymers comprising units containing a crosslinkable group and units containing a reactive dye radical which can be employed in the novel process, in particular derivatives of a polyvinyl alcohol having a molecular weight of at least about 2000, to crosslinked tinted polymers, either homopolymers or copolymers, made from these novel crosslinkable tinted polymers containing a reactive dye radical, a process for the preparation of the novel crosslinkable tinted polymers comprising units containing a crosslinkable group and units containing a reactive dye radical and the homopolymers and copolymers obtainable therefrom, to tinted mouldings made from said homopolymers or copolymers, in particular tinted contact lenses made from these homopolymers or copolymers, and to a process for the production of tinted contact lenses using said homopolymers or copolymers.

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